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SUBJECT: ROC THIRD COUNTRY ARMS SALES

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1. BASED ON DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE TO MAAG ADVISORS
TO ROC COMBINED SERVICE FORCES (CSF) OR LEARNED FROM GROC
SOURCES TODAY, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO
CARGOES OF AMMO BEING SHIPPED TO GUATEMALA BY FLYING TIGER
AIRCRAFT (REFTELS).

A. CARTRIDGE CASE AND BULLET ARE MANUFACTURED ON ROC
EQUIPMENT PURCHASED PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II.

B. PRIMER WAS DEVELOPED BY ROC AND MANUFACTURED ON
ROC EQUIPMENT.

C. TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGES FOR 5.56MM AMMUNITION WERE
NOT PROVIDED BY THE US GOVERNMENT.

D. ROC USES IN ALL OF ITS 5.56MM AMMUNITION AN EXTRUDED
TYPE OF PROPELLANT RATHER THAN BALL POWDER. THE EXTRUDED
TYPE OF PROPELLANT IS MANUFACTURED ON ROC EQUIPMENT.

E. ROC'S NEW BALL POWDER PRODUCTION FACILITY
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(OLIN EQUIPMENT) WILL NOT BE OPERATIONAL UNTIL EARLY
1977. THE OLIN EQUIPMENT IS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED TO
SUPPORT AMMUNITION LARGER THAN 5.56MM.

2. THE ABOVE WAS CONFIRMED (SEPARATELY) TO MAAG ADVISORS ON DECEMBER 8 BY CHIEF OF THE ROC GENERAL STAFF, ADMIRAL SOONG, AND BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL LAY YING, CHIEF OF STAFF, CSF. LT. GEN. LAY CONFIRMED THAT THE CARGO IN QUESTION CONTAINS ONLY 5.56MM AMMUNITION. ADMIRAL SOONG VOLUNTEERED THAT EACH AIRCRAFT IS TRANSPORTING TWO MILLION ROUNDS. TERMS OF SALE ARE FOB TAIWAN.

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